

# FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

## Grant Grove Area

### GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

#### INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am- 6pm through 9/3, then 8am- 5pm. Exhibits & 15-minute movie in English & Spanish. Books, maps, first aid. Local wilderness permits issued 8am- 4pm. 1-559-565-4307.

#### FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily 7am- 2pm & 5-9pm.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-9pm through 9/2, then reduced hours. Souvenirs, film, clothing. ATM in lobby.
- **Market:** Same hours as Gift Shop (above). Supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, emergency gasoline.

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11. Hotel desk 7am-midnight.
- **Showers (KCPS):** 11am - 4pm. Ask at registration desk.
- **Post Office:** Hours may change without notice. Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday 9am - 4:30pm. Saturday & Wednesday 10 -11:45am. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors to: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- **Pay Telephones:** Available 24 hours at Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); & outside gift shop, market, & post office.
- **Picnicking & Horseback Riding:** See page 3 & the page-12 map.

## In the Kings Canyon

### CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir.

#### INFORMATION & CAMPING (NPS)

- **Visitor Center:** Daily 9am-5pm until early September. 559-565-3793.
- **Wilderness permits (\$15):** At Road's End, 6 miles (9.6 km) east of the village, 7am-3pm daily. No permits issued after 2:45pm.
- **Camping (NPS):** Details on page 11.

#### FOOD, LODGING, SHOPS, & OTHER SERVICES (KCPS)

Open mid-May until Saturday, October 13.

- **Restaurant:** Counter-service meals & snack bar (not a full-service restaurant). Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm. Picnic supplies at the market.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs, film. Daily 7am-9pm. Reduced hours starting 9/3.
- **Lodging:** Open daily. Last night is 10/13. Page 10 has details.
- **Showers & Laundry:** Daily 7am-7pm (shower closed 1-3pm for cleaning). Last laundry load in by 1 hour before closing. Purchase shower tokens at market. Reduced hours starting 9/3.
- **Picnicking & Horseback Riding:** See page 3 & the page-12 map.
- **Pay Telephones:** Outside visitor center & restaurant/market.

## CELEBRATE SEQUOIAS!

Join us on September 8 for the 9th Annual Celebrate Sequoias Festival. Enjoy walks, music, kid's activities and crafts at Princess Campground in Sequoia National Forest.

## USFS: National Forest & Monument

### HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on Parks and Forests). It was sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935. It is an excellent place to see sequoias recovering from intensive logging in the late 1800s.

#### PAY TELEPHONES

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & Big Meadows trailhead.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round); Kings Canyon Resort (summer only).

#### INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon Park entrance at Big Stump. Weekdays 8am- 4:30pm & Saturday, 9/2. Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; [www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia).

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Picnic Areas & Horseback Riding:** See page 3 & the map.
- **Boyden Cavern:** On Hwy 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Tours on the hour 10am-5pm. \$11 ages 14 & up; \$6 ages 3-13; under 3 free. AAA discounts. 209-736-2708.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** On Generals Highway between Grant Grove & Lodgepole. Lodging. Restaurant 11am -7pm Sunday-Thursday, 8pm on Friday-Saturday. Market 8am-7pm Sunday-Thursday, 8pm Friday-Saturday. Showers same as market. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card. 1-866-KCANYON or 1-559-565-3909.
- **Montecito Lake Resort (formerly Montecito-Sequoia) (FS):** A permitted resort on public land open all year. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 7:30-9am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 5:30- 7pm. Cabins, hotel, children's activities. 1-800-227-9900 or 559-565-3388.
- **Big Meadows Cabin - historic guard station (FS):** Details page 10.
- **Boat & Bicycle Rentals, Swimming, Fishing:** Private facilities open to public at Hume Lake, 8 miles (13km) north of Grant Grove on Hwy 180 then 3 miles (5 km) south on Hume Lake Road. 24-hour laundry (coin operated) & gas station (with credit card). Store open Sunday-Thursday 7am- 11pm; Friday 7am- 9pm; Saturday 7am -7pm. Snack shop 11am- 11pm daily. 1-559-335-2000.

#### GASOLINE SALES

At Hume Lake, Stony Creek, and Kings Canyon Lodge. See page 5, *Rules of the Road - Finding Gasoline* for hours.

## FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

This list is not complete! Check bulletin boards and visitor centers for schedules and additional activities.

Note: No evening programs available on Thursday, August 9.

### CEDAR GROVE, IN THE KINGS CANYON

Daily walks through August. Some may continue until September 3.

- **Daily Zumwalt Meadow Walk:** Join us in exploring the natural and cultural wonders of the canyon. 1 1/2 hours, 1 1/2 miles.
- **Friday, Saturday, & Sunday Evening Campfires.** Through August. Enjoy an hour together at the amphitheater near Cedar Grove Visitor Center.

### GRANT GROVE

Daily programs through mid-August, then weekends & some weekdays through September 3.

- **Daily Grant Tree Walk:** Stroll this paved trail beneath the giant trees. Meet at Grant Tree parking lot. 1 hour, 1/3 mile.
- **Daily Ranger's Choice:** 1/2-hour talk outside Kings Canyon Visitor Center.
- **Nightly Evening Campfire:** Meet under the stars and learn about these parks. Meet at campground amphitheater.